Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-4, 7-13, 16-22, and 25-33 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 10, 19, and 28-30 being the independent claims. Claims 5-6, 14-15, and 23-24 were canceled in a previous amendment. Claims 1, 9, 10, 13, 16-19, 22, 25-27, 29, 30, and 32 are sought to be amended. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Allowed Claims

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 28 - 30 are allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 9, 18, and 27 recite allowable subject matter, but are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. In view of the Remarks presented below, Applicants assert that base claims, 1, 10, and 19, from which claims 9, 18, and 27, respectively, depend, are patentable over the applied references. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to claims 9, 18, and 27 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

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Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1, 10, 19, and 31-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Specifically, the Examiner alleges that "wherein objects of the plurality of objects are ordered according to a defined order within said content stream," as recited in claims 1, 10, and 19, does not have sufficient support in the Specification. Claims 1, 10, and 19 no longer recite this limitation. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 1, 10, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, has been rendered moot.

The Examiner also alleges that "each of said pages has an assigned priority, and wherein objects of the plurality of objects are ordered within said content stream according to the priority assigned to pages with which the objects are associated," as recited in claim 31, lacks sufficient support in the Specification. Claims 32 and 33 recite similar limitations. Applicants assert that the Specification, as filed, provides sufficient support for this limitation. See, for example, page 32, lines 23-27, of the Specification.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3, 7-8, 10-12, 16-17, 19-21, and 25-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,925,595 to Whitledge et al. (hereinafter Whitledge), in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,671,853 to Burkett et al. (hereinafter Burkett). Claims 4, 13, and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Whitledge in view of Burkett, in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,665,709 to Barron (hereinafter Barron). Claims 31-33 were rejected under

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Whitledge in view of Burkett, in

further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,560,639 to Dan et al. (hereinafter Dan). Applicants

respectfully traverse these rejections.

Differences exist between the applied references and the claimed embodiments of

the present invention. For example, claim 1, as amended, recites the following:

> generating a document table based on an object-by-
> object basis for said document, wherein the document table
> includes a first pointer and a second pointer associated
> with a discrete object, wherein the first pointer is used to
> access a method associated with the discrete object, and
> wherein the second pointer points to the discrete object.

Whitledge describes a method and system for content conversion of electronic

data using data mining. User selected hypertext elements from hypertext documents are

displayed on the user's device by converting the selected elements to a format that can be

displayed on the user's device based on conversion preferences. *See*, Whitledge,

Abstract. FIG. 2 of Whitledge shows a flow diagram that illustrates a method for content

conversion. In response to a request for an original electronic document from a first

network device, a content converter converts the original requested document into a

converted document based on conversion preferences. The converted document is then

transmitted to the first network device through a proxy server. *See*, Whitledge, Col. 8,

lines 1-36.

No portion of Whitledge teaches or suggests generating a document table as

recited in claim 1. For example, Col. 24, lines 35-40 of Whitledge does not teach or

suggest generating such a document table. Instead, Col. 24, lines 35-40 of Whitledge

describe a symbol table that saves references to selected hypertext elements. Even

assuming that the hypertext elements are discrete objects, which Applicants reserve the right to dispute, there is no description in Whitledge that would teach or suggest such a symbol table including a first pointer that is used to access method(s) associated with the hypertext elements.

Burkett, Barron, and Dan do not solve the deficiencies of Whitledge. Because the applied references, alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest generating a document table that includes a first pointer and a second pointer associated with a discrete object, where the first pointer is used to access a method associated with the discrete object, and where the second pointer points to the discrete object, as recited in independent claim 1, claim 1 and its dependent claims are patentable over the applied references.

Moreover, independent claims 10 and 19, which recite similar distinguishing features as claim 1, and their respective dependent claims, are also patentable over the applied references for reasons similar to those described above with respect to claim 1. Thus, Applicants request that the rejections of claims 1-4, 7, 8, 10-13, 16, 17, 19-22, and 25, 26, 31-33 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

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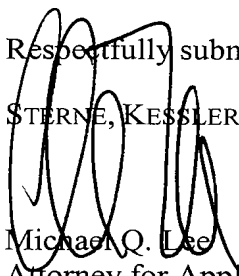
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Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed,

accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the

Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be

withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the

outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for

allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will

expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the

undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully

requested.

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